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Photo by Sue Tiffin

Rayah and Lillian Garbutt of Minden were celebrating Canada's 148th birthday as well as Lillian's 11th. See more Canada Day photos on pages 27-30.

Two hospital sites not sustainable: CEO

By Matthew Desrosiers
Editor

Haliburton Highlands Health Services (HHHS) chairman of the board, John Kay, says the organization has no intention of closing either of its two hospital sites.

"We are going to be enhancing both facilities, whether or not they remain providing the same services," he said in an interview on June 30. "The bottom line is sustainability, especially in long-term care. We know that we don't have sufficient facilities

now. People can be waiting over a year for a room in long-term care, and that's not where we want to be."

Kay's comments come a week after the organization's June 25 AGM, where president and CEO Varouj Eskedjian announced plans to look at the hospital's needs over the next 10 to 15 years.

"We have to develop a long-term plan," Eskedjian said during the AGM. "I don't think, in the long term, having two sites with two uneconomical long-term care homes, two uneconomical emergency departments, and

very small in-patient units can be sustained as is."

"We have to look at the facilities to say do we have the right facility and right configuration, or do we make changes."

Almost immediately after posting the story to The Highlander's website, local residents commented that they expected the Minden site to close as a result of Eskedjian's long-term plan. But Kay says that's not going to be the case.

"It would make sense to have one large long-term care facility," he said. "The experts

say unless you have a facility that has capacity for 140 rooms, you're not economically viable because of staffing and all that is involved. Right now, we have 30 [rooms] at one and 60 at the other ... so that would be something we'd be asking the experts."

"But under no circumstances are we talking about closing hospitals."

Kay said residents in Haliburton County can expect some changes from the hospital, but nothing is being done without public consultation.

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Off-road vehicles permitted on county roads

By Lisa Harrison
Contributing writer

The county has approved in principle the use of off-road vehicles (ORVs) on the shoulders of public roads, but use of the Haliburton County Rail Trail is still in question.

The decision to authorize road shoulder use comes in response to a request from

the Haliburton ATV Association (HATVA) following passage of Bill 316, which authorizes the use of two-up all-terrain vehicles (ATVs) and side-by-sides on the shoulders of Ontario public roads effective July 1.

Individual municipalities must now decide whether to adjust their own regulations accordingly.

At county council's June 24 regular

meeting, HATVA requested the county authorize use of public roads as well as use of the Rail Trail by side-by-sides (two-ups are currently allowed on the trail).

A HATVA representative noted that side-by-sides were allowed on the trail until a few years ago when the county decided to ban them because the province did not allow them on the roads.

County staff will present a bylaw

authorizing the use of ORVs on county roads at council's July 22 regular meeting for final approval.

Councillors agreed to defer the Rail Trail request until that meeting, when the road operations manager will report back on issues such as the need for signage changes. Council may choose to approve or deny the request to revise Rail Trail regulations at that time.

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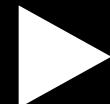
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Editorial opinion

Hospital plans

Put down the pitchforks. No one is closing hospitals in Haliburton County.

At least not yet.

Haliburton Highlands Health Services (HHHS) president and CEO Varouj Eskedjian dropped a bit of a bombshell at the recent hospital AGM, where he said running two "uneconomical" sites was not sustainable.

Expenses are on the rise and government funding isn't expected to keep up. The hospital received more government funding this year over last – roughly \$830,000 extra – to help with integration. But even with the extra funds, HHHS struggled to balance their budget this year.

Until now, Haliburton and Minden have been spoiled by having the two sites, but Eskedjian is right. It's just not sustainable anymore. It never really was.

So what to do?

In the Highlands, where our ageing population continues to be the largest health care user group, there's no doubt the priority needs to be in long-term care and providing adequate services for our seniors.

It takes a year in some cases for a patient to get a bed in one of the two HHHS long-term care facilities. The hospital's chair of the board, John Kay, agrees that that's just not acceptable. Between the Haliburton site with its 40 beds, and Minden's 60, we're still 50 beds short of what Kay says is the minimum number of beds for a single long-term care facility to be efficient.

It just makes sense that one of our sites transforms into that single long-term care facility – and it should be Minden.

Already, Minden houses the larger of the two long-term care facilities. The hospital has purchased an adjacent property which will allow them to expand in the future if they need to – and they likely will, considering the disproportionate number of seniors in our community. Minden gives HHHS flexibility to serve its clients as needs change and people get older.

Shutting down hospital services in Minden however won't be easy. In fact, last

year Minden's emergency department had 2,400 more visits than Haliburton. That may be due in large part to a lack of primary care physicians in Minden, a problem that could be solved with a simple shuttle bus to HHHS and the Family Health Team. Without either that or doctors, the need will remain.

However with a solution to the transportation issue, acute care and other hospital services can all be housed at the Haliburton site with minimal impact on county residents.

Both sites would benefit. Apart from the financial savings, it would be easier for the hospital to monitor and maintain the quality of its care in a single long-term care facility than it is currently. One manager, one site, one set of staff all working together should make for a better experience for residents.

And in terms of equipment and skills you would no longer need to worry about splitting funds and purchases between two sites. It would go to the department that requires it.

People in Haliburton County take ownership of their health care and hospitals, so it comes as no surprise that there was an immediate backlash to Eskedjian's plan. The AGM was a poor choice of venue and it's usually a good idea to do some planning and have allies on board, like our councils, before making an announcement like that.

But so far it's only a plan to make a plan. And the public – and this is right from the chairman's mouth – will be involved every step of the way.

So for now, don't panic. Keep an open mind and get ready to participate in one of the most important public discussions we can have – because this is one that's going to affect us all.



By Matthew Desrosiers

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The Senate

Had enough yet? I know I certainly have.

Each week it seems there are new revelations, new reports and the response from the senators seems to get more smug all the time.

There was a time I believed the window dressing, that we needed "a chamber of sober second thought," and that it somehow made sense that a group of unelected so-called wise men (for the most part) looking over the shoulders of our elected politicians was likely a good thing. I had fooled myself into believing that they represented independent oversight and that the welfare of the country was their modus operandi. That belief has slowly faded over time as I realized that senators appointed by one party or the other rarely strayed far from their political benefactors.

Oh, occasionally the Senate would rise to bolster my naïve expectations, make some amendments to legislation or spearhead a study into an issue of secondary import. But then there would be an article in the newspaper about senators who only attended sessions occasionally, usually to ensure they didn't lose their standing and monthly paycheques. Sure, there were also senators who took their business seriously and seemed to really care about the country they were helping to govern. Unfortunately, the good and value that these senators represented was soon overshadowed by the scandals.

It's not just the misspent money. In fact, the Auditor General has found less than one million dollars in questionable expenses – a pittance compared to other questionable spending elsewhere by our government. It is the attitude that accompanies the half-baked responses to the revelations. One would think that elevating someone to the Senate would imbue them with a sense of fairness and reasonableness. Senators shouldn't err on the wrong side of fuzzy regulations and reliance on the justification that 'everyone else is doing it.' We ask better of our children, and occasionally they miss the mark, but that provides an opportunity for a lesson. However, by the time people reach adulthood and certainly by the time they are old enough to be considered for a Senate appointment, it is reasonable to expect that nominees to the

Upper Chamber have reached the level of maturity that they can tell right from wrong and know which path to take.

Apparently not.

The million or so is not an overwhelming amount. Canada has seen bigger political scandals

in its time. It is the sense of entitlement that is so appalling. Entitlement: it is a word we have applied to other groups of politicians and usually the voters in time recognize the problem and duly send them packing. The senators are, unfortunately, beyond the reach of voters. They know it and act like they don't care.

Well neither do I, anymore. I say throw the bums out. We could probably manage quite nicely without the \$138,000 sinecures, soon to rise to \$142,000 each for the 105 senators, vacuuming up \$106 million in annual operating expenses and delivering little of value in return. Some of the parties are calling for reform and others have pointed out that abolishing the Senate would be a constitutional quagmire. But I believe most Canadians think that enough is enough, and although we don't fully understand the niceties of sorting all this out legally, let's not even bother to try to reform the Upper Chamber. It has successfully fended off political pressure, a tsunami of public opinion and a public shaming that would send anyone else into exile.

No, the only answer is to send everyone home, to wherever they are (purportedly) from, and close the place down.

I understand we would not only save on the operational cost of the Red Chamber, it would spare us the cost of finding temporary accommodations while their Chamber of Sober Second Thought undergoes a massive renovation. NDP leader Tom Mulcair suggested the other day the senate chamber would make a great day care centre for the children of Parliamentary staff and MPs, an idea, I would note, not far removed from the current use of the building.



By Jack Brezina

We've moved!

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The Highlander Team

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Letters to the editor

A nice surprise

Dear editor,

Back on June 10 during the storm, our hydro pole just outside the house was hit by lightning. The hit blew off the wires from the switch on the pole, melting the wires inside.

Hydro One was fast in responding to fix the problem, a thank you to them. Thinking that was the end of it we carried on with the six-month renovation that was now, after 10 years, less than two weeks from the finish line.

We woke up the next day to the smell of fuel oil. I went into the basement to see what was going on and found a hole in the fuel line. The lightning had traveled through the ground and into our fuel line, blowing a hole in it. Our basement has a dirt section, so it took 23 hours to smell the fuel. This allowed about 150-200 liters to leak out in the basement. The fumes continued to build forcing us out of our home and into a motel room.

I have to say that it has been about eight years since the wife and I have been to a restaurant, so I said let's eat at McKecks. We sat down, ordered a pop and looked at the menu and ... wow, sticker shock hit me in the face, since we only had \$20.

I said to the server Stephanie, I am sorry but we won't be ordering any food. She asked why and I told her what had happened to us. Without any hesitation she said sit back down, order anything you want, it's on the house. I consider myself a tough guy, I rarely ask for help from anyone and I don't cry ever. Her kindness to us, after what happened, made me cry, something I did not think was possible.

I want to thank her and McKecks from the bottom of my heart, for giving us some sunshine when it was needed. It is nice that we have such wonderful people in our community. Thank you so much, McKecks and staff.

Thomas Knapp,
Carnarvon

Superheroes save the day

It was the pairs of wide eyes, the mouths slightly agape and the questioning looks that made me realize that I was the centre of attention and perhaps treading on dodgy ground. But, there was no going back now.

"I could hear the dogs baying," I said. "I could hear them getting closer and my heart was racing. I could sense there were deer nearby but I just couldn't see them..."

Now, in Haliburton my story about shooting at and missing not one but three deer during my first day of hunting would be nonchalantly laughed off or made fun of, but quickly passed by as more similar stories were bandied about. And, on first glance, my audience at this retelling would look to be of similar ilk. Plaid shirts, beards, tanned forearms abounded, but in place of a pair of work boots, or overalls there were svelte leather shoes and skinny jeans, their hems turned up just high enough to give a glimpse of expensive brightly coloured socks.

I was at a party in the city, in our capital city of Ottawa, no less. At my old friend Robbie's 40th birthday party, and a good one it was, too. But, now midway through my hunting story, I could sense that there was maybe some



A blue heron takes in the view on Little Bob Lake.

Photo by Ray Kidon

TheOutsider



By Will Jones

unease about the tale. I was glad to be able to report that I had missed my quarry, wondering what response I'd have gotten if I'd told of shooting and killing a deer, but unfortunately the attention didn't leave me even after I'd admitted to a case of buck fever.

"Did the dogs run the deer down and kill it?" came one question, followed by another asking, "how often did someone manage to hit a deer?"

I answered truthfully: "no, the dogs don't catch the deer, and oh, quite often..." And then attempted to change the subject, asking, "did anyone know the score in the ladies World Cup soccer match?" But the damage had been done. Not only was I the English bloke at a party attended predominantly by French Canadians, but now I was also a hunter in a large crowd of hipsters. It was a double whammy of feeling like The Outsider.

I took a hasty slug of my beer and was about to make a swift retreat to find my lovely wife and Little Z when one of the assembled trendsetters announced that he'd always wanted to go duck hunting. His eyes sparkled as he described watching the hunting channel and he swung an imaginary 12 gauge in a

wide high arc and blurted a quickfire "kabang, kabang, kabang!"

And then, as quick as a flash, the conversation changed from hunting to Michael Keaton's portrayal of the Caped Crusader and the disjointed nature of the Batman movies, just like that, and it was my turn to stand eyes wide and mouth agape. This group of 40-year-old men were seriously discussing the plot points and nuances of each movie, picking over the detail of costume, design of the Batmobile and characters of super villains in the critical manner that my Haliburton pals the barber and his chums revisit last year's deer hunt and analyze the position of watches, firearms used and size and number of critters being hunted.

I had nothing to add to this conversation. I tried at one point but my attempt was so obviously lame (I asked where Robin was) that the hipsters moved swiftly on, tactfully and politely ignoring me and taking issue with the way in which the directors of each film have chopped and changed the style and substance of everything from the backdrop of Gotham to Batman's accent.

I took a longer, slower slug of my beer,

finishing the bottle, and reached for another one.

I looked around the group, noting the serious expressions clad in manicured facial hair and trimmed eyebrows. I struggled to piece together the segue, the moment that we switched topics, such was the swift and seamless transition.

The conversation was being dominated by one fellow who actually wore a T-shirt with a Batman logo on it (and I had thought earlier that he was being ironic) and I began to plan my exit, but then the wannabe duck hunter caught my eye. He cocked his fingers like a handgun, subtlety nodded in the direction of 'Batman' and mouthed "kabang, kabang."

I grinned and it came to me. 'Kabang!'... 'Kapowee!', 'Blamo! Batman's cartoon trademarks! That was the moment when we'd gone from shotguns to superheroes, furry critters to film directors, hunting to hipsters. I chugged at my beer again and let the surrealness of this city party wash over me.

Highlander opinion

Eye on the street: Now that school is out, what are your plans with the kids?



Kelly Winder

Haliburton

My three are in camp for the first week of summer and then I am taking care of another three this week for others.



Mike Campure

Dundas

We're here! At the cottage and having fun in Haliburton!



Joan Brannigan

Haliburton Lake

The grandkids are coming to visit at the cottage in Haliburton Lake.



Heidi Tarte

Mississauga

Not much. Coming up to visit from Rochester. We visit Midnight Madness and the Kinmount Fair and other bigger Haliburton events.



Jason Ouelette

Ingoldsby

Swimming and fishing, the same old. My kid is too young for school so not much is changing.

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All aboard: Hop On Hop Off bus earns Dysart's support

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

Dysart will contribute \$1,000 to a new initiative that will help promote the area.

On June 22, councillors heard about the "Hop On Hop Off Bus," a project being spearheaded by SIRCH Community Services and the Thrift Warehouse.

"We've had quite a bit of support from the community," said Corina Mansfield, coordinator of the pilot project.

The bus will depart from Haliburton and travel a loop that includes stops in West Guilford, Minden and Carnarvon. Travellers will be encouraged to stop and shop at businesses along the way.

To provide "a unique Haliburton experience," a conductor will offer colour commentary, insight into the history of the area and a glimpse into what travellers might come across.

Mansfield said the bus seats 14 passengers, but can hold as many as 18.

"It's going to be a really comfortable ride, air-conditioned ..." she said.

According to a letter from Gena Robertson, executive director of SIRCH, the tour fits in line with the municipality's cultural plan.

"This groundbreaking tourism initiative will highlight Dysart et al by featuring some of our local gems including the [Haliburton School of the Arts], Glebe [Park], the information centre at the caboose, along with our downtown and the natural beauty of the area," stated Robertson.

The \$10 fee per rider will cover the costs of bringing in a professional conductor and possible artist fees. Through sponsorships, SIRCH has raised about 80 per cent of the monies needed to run the eight-week pilot project this summer.

With \$2,000 left to be raised, Mansfield noted that each municipality in the county was being approached for financial support.

Deputy-reeve Andrea Roberts asked if the project would be a "break-even proposal." Mansfield said it is.

She explained that the Thrift Warehouse, which is a social enterprise, supports the community by creating employment opportunities and funding some of SIRCH's programs.

"This could become another social enterprise down the road," she said. "We're hoping to bring it back for the [Haliburton County] Studio Tour."

The first tour was held on June 30.

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"I do want to stress, nothing is being done ... we want public consultation. There's going to be tons of it. The board [of directors] is responsible to the public."

To date, Kay said no real discussions have happened at the board level with regards to Eskedjian's goal of implementing a long-term plan for the hospital. He did say the hospital has been in contact with the county's four reeves, and that money has been set aside to start looking for consultants to help with the project.

He said it was important the people brought in to assist with the plan are independent experts.

"We need independent advice."

In his AGM report, Eskedjian cited the grim economic landscape in health care as a key factor in the hospital's sustainability.

"For me to meet my responsibility and for this board to meet their responsibility to this community today and in the future, they have to develop that [long-term] plan," he said. "We're going to have some difficult conversations, but we're going to have conversations and we're going to engage our communities with that process."

Kay echoed the CEO's words.

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John Kay
HHHS chairman

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"No decisions have been talked about, nor will they, until [we conduct] massive public consultations both with the political body and general population."

The long-term plan will also address equipment needs and services that will be important to have in the future.

"We met with the Extendicare people, and we know that we need to do a lot to be prepared to be there when people need us," said Kay. "Right now it takes a year to get into long-term care. That's a long time, especially if you need medical attention and you have to lie in a hospital room for a year."

He said the hospital's new state-of-the-art ultrasound equipment is an example of HHHS getting equipment that was needed.

"People have to drive to Lindsay, but they don't anymore," he said. "That's why we need a master plan, to tell us

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Drug bust in Cardiff

The Ontario Provincial Police showed up in force to a Cardiff home on June 24 to execute a drug warrant.

Officers from the Organized Crime Enforcement Bureau – Drug Enforcement Unit, the Community Drug Action Team, the OPP Tactical Response Unit, Emergency Response Team, and the Canine Unit, executed the search warrant at the Cardiff residence.

Inside, they found cocaine valued at \$1,700, marijuana, and cash. Harlavano Haye, 24 of Whitby, and 24-year-old Karina Vardy of Highlands East, were inside the house and arrested. They were charged with possession of a schedule 1 substance (cocaine) for the purpose of trafficking, possession of a schedule 2 substance (marijuana under 30 grams), and possession of property obtained by crime.

The pair were transported to the Bancroft OPP

detachment and later released on a promise to appear, and additional conditions, according to a press release. Their first court appearance date is scheduled for Aug. 11.

OPP investigate ATV theft

The Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) are asking for the public's help in locating a stolen ATV.

On June 6, the police were contacted regarding the theft of two ATVs from a cottage around Trooper Lake Drive in Highlands East. The theft occurred sometime between May 4 and June 6. The ATVs were locked in a garage.

They are described as a green 1997 Arctic Cat, licence plate 09YA1, and a blue Yamaha Champ 100 with no plates.

Anyone with information on the theft is asked to contact the OPP at 1-888-310-1122. Anonymous tips can be reported to Crime Stoppers by calling 1-800-222-8477 or online at khcs.ca.

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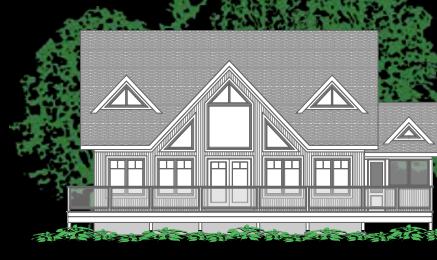
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Second hydro station in the works for Minden

By Mark Arike

Staff writer

Minden may get a second power generation station at the Horseshoe Lake dam if Orillia Power Generation Corporation (OPGC) gets its way.

Keith McAllister, president and CEO of the company, and Paul Young, director of generation, made their pitch to councillors during a public meeting on June 25.

"We're focused on the water power ... here today," said Young.

The OPGC, which is based out of Orillia and owned by the city, currently owns and operates the Minden generation station located on the Gull River. The additional site would generate enough power for approximately 1,500 homes and reduce the volume of water flow at the Wild Water Preserve, which according to McAllister is a change that the average paddler would embrace.

"There are times when there is way too much water for the average paddler," he said, adding that the company is working with representatives from Whitewater Ontario to "find a way to enhance their power lifestyles."

"In the end it will be a win-win situation

for everybody."

Water intake will flow through the top end of Horseshoe Lake dam. Other features will include a 350-metre long buried pipeline and a 200-metre long canal that will lead to a powerhouse.

Road access to the powerhouse would be made available along Bethel Road.

Water rights to the proposed site are secured by Parks Canada, explained Young. In order to make the project possible, OPGC will need to cross municipally-owned land in three locations.

"We're proposing to purchase the two shoreline road allowances," he said.

A report from the company states that "a land swap is being proposed with the township to procure the unopened road allowance."

The proposal falls under the Large Renewable Procurement Process (LRP) which is being conducted by the Independent Electricity City Operator (IESO).

As part of the process, OPGC will host a public meeting on July 16 at council chambers. A project website is scheduled to go live on July 2.

The proposed project was one of six IESO pre-qualified applications under the category of water power. As part of the

second phase, more detailed information about the project along with a proposed price (dollars per megawatt hour) must be submitted to the IESO by Sept. 1.

Sometime after the public meeting, McAllister and Young will seek a municipal council resolution in support of the generating station.

"We will provide feedback from what the public thinks," said McAllister. "I think it's too early for us to ask you for that support yet."

McAllister pointed to the economic spin-off of the project, such as a full-time position being created for one skilled operator and benefits to local industry.

"We'll be ordering supplies from the local contractors," he said, adding that concrete and wood would be purchased in town.

The township would also benefit from the company's charitable initiatives and receive an annual gross revenue charge, he said.

CAO Lorrie Blanchard said the township currently receives about \$55,000 from the Minden Generating Station.

"Wherever we have plants, we try to take care of those communities we're in," said McAllister.

In the past, they have lent their support to

the Children's Water Festival and donated to Minden's flood victims.

In light of the federal government's recent funding announcement for infrastructure improvements along the Trent-Severn Waterway, Reeve Brent Devolin wondered if any of that work would affect this project.

McAllister said his organization has a "good relationship" with the TSW, and added that they would try to work closely with them when it comes to improvements being made at the Horseshoe Lake dam.

"We hope that they will allow us to operate Horseshoe Lake dam as well," he said, explaining that the amount of water that can move through the dam is dictated by the federal government.

"The water levels are very fixed."

Councillor Jean Anthon addressed the concerns of seasonal residents by asking if area lake associations would be contacted.

McAllister said every effort will be made to connect with the various community groups.

"We look forward to all those discussions," he said. "We will make sure this project works for everyone, to the best ability we can."

The July 16 meeting will run from 2-8:30 p.m.



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July 30 Committee of the Whole/Regular meeting of Council, 9:00 am, Minden Council Chambers

Aug 27 Committee of the Whole/Regular meeting of Council, 9:00 am, Minden Council Chambers

Please note there is only 1 scheduled meeting of council for the months of July and August

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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE for a schedule of Council's Advisory Boards and Committees meeting dates and locations, visit the Township's website at www.mindenhills.ca or contact the Clerk's Office at 705-286-1260 ext. 212.

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Bed bugs are becoming more and more prevalent, and have been chomping their way into cottage country! Learn how to inspect for bed bugs - a practice you should perform before getting into a bed at any hotel, cottage rental, camp, etc. as well as at your own home or cottage, especially after having guests overnight. Protect yourself and your family with some knowledge about bed bugs, prevention and treatment methods available.

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Feds to fund youth jobs programs

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

The federal government will deliver \$395,000 to Sir Sandford Fleming College to help youth develop the kinds of skills employers are looking for.

The announcement was made by Treasury Board President Tony Clement and local MP Barry Devolin on June 29 at the Haliburton School of the Arts, one of Fleming College's four campus locations.

"I think it's an exciting one [announcement] for this institution as well as the surrounding communities," said Clement, who is also MP for Parry Sound-Muskoka.

The funding, which comes from the government's Youth Employment Strategy, will support 30 youth and post-secondary graduates through two projects offered by Fleming in Peterborough. According to a press release, "participants will take part in a range of activities to increase their employability."

Clement said it is part of government policy to ensure that communities are self-sustaining, growing and that economic activity is occurring.

"This is all about an economy that should work," he said.

Devolin said many youth are struggling to

find employment due to the fact they lack experience and the skills local employers require.

"For many young people coming out of college as well as those that have been in the area for years, it's a struggle to make that connection from a \$15 an hour job up to the next level where they can raise their income and be in a better position to provide for their family," he said.

Twenty-two-year-old Dwayne Hartshorn spoke about how he turned his life around by entering Skills Link, a 15-week program offered through the Fleming CREW Employment Centre.

Hartshorn recalled how just three months ago he was "depressed, with no job, no income and no savings."

"Just simply going in and stating that I needed help, everybody there was more than willing and glad to help me out," he said, referring to the employment centre's staff. "Three weeks later, I was looking for placements and my confidence levels were through the roof. I was a changed man."

Hartshorn completed the program last week and is now employed full-time at Abbey Gardens, where he assists the garden manager.

"It's great," he told The Highlander. "I've never done anything like it, and I hope to do it for the rest of my life."

Debby Keating, manager of employment programs for Fleming College, said the Skills Link program has helped 23 youth in Haliburton.

"We were able to place our participants over the fall, winter and spring period, which is often a very difficult and challenging time," she said. "That really speaks to the opportunities for keeping youth in our community and building up the strength of our economy here in Haliburton County."

Skills Link provides youth without a post-secondary education a three-week workshop series and 12-week work placement.

Since 2006, the Skills Link program has helped close to 200,000 youth across Canada develop skills and gain experience to secure employment or return to school.

The second project that will benefit is Career Focus, which is targeted toward youth who have recently completed college or university and are having difficulty finding work in their field of study.

"Much of the funding for both programs is for wage subsidies for the employers that provide the training, support and supervision during the placements," wrote Keating in an email.

The Youth Employment Strategy provides approximately \$330 million in annual funding for programs.

County in brief

Head Lake bridge work starts soon

A portion of the rehabilitation work on the Head Lake bridge in Haliburton needs to start in July, according to county staff. "The consultant recommended that work on the pier cap be done sooner rather than later to mitigate further issues" with the scheduled work that will start in September, staff told county council at its June 24 regular meeting. The cost is estimated between \$30,000 and \$40,000 and is covered in the overall budget. Quotations will be sent out shortly to have the work done no later than mid-July, which should help with the main body of work. The small amount of remedial work to the cap can be done in one day, according to staff. The bridge work has been approved for federal funding but must be completed by the end of 2016 to remain eligible.

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County taking advantage of low rates

By Lisa Harrison

Contributing writer

County councillors have committed to a 3.15 per cent interest rate over 20 years for one of two major borrowing initiatives, minus 50 per cent funding from the province.

Concern over potential financial unrest in Greece played a part in the decision made at council's June 24 regular meeting. Not all councillors supported the direction initially.

The county will borrow \$1.9 million over four years for 15 road projects to be completed this summer. In the second initiative it will borrow \$1,725,000 over 20 years for the new emergency medical services (EMS) base in Minden, which is already completed.

The latter amount is "very close" to the total costs of the EMS building, according to county staff. Under provincial EMS funding, 50 per cent of both the interest and the amortization (principle) will be paid by the province regardless of the lender. The county is currently funding the EMS base and all the land through reserves.

Staff sourced lending quotes for both projects from three sources: CIBC and the Bank of Nova Scotia (the county has a borrowing bylaw in place with both banks), and Infrastructure Ontario (IO), a Crown corporation that supports the

province's initiatives to improve public infrastructure and realty values.

IO had the lowest rate for the roads borrowing at 1.64 per cent, which council approved without dissent.

For the EMS base borrowing, treasurer Laura Janke recommended IO's offer of 3.15 per cent over the full 20-year term. She reported CIBC offered the lowest rate at 2.67 per cent but with a fixed term of only five years, which would leave the county open to interest rate hikes. The Bank of Nova Scotia quoted 3.66 per cent, with a 10-year term.

The difference in the IO and CIBC solutions would be \$38,000 in the first five years, said Janke.

"So I'm asking you to pay that premium to ensure that future councils for those next 15 years aren't faced with a higher interest rate than 3.15."

Minden Hills Reeve Brent Devolin told council he had gone back and forth on the decision several times. He said he researched interest and found they have not been this low since the last part of World War II and immediately afterward.

"I'm worried about the long haul ...

[because based on history] when there's shock to the world's economies, interest rates take off," said Devolin.

Speaking ahead of Greece's June 30 news that it would default on its International Monetary Fund (IMF) loan, Devolin added that he looked at Greece and other countries

in the European Union "...that have a debt problem, that if something goes off the rails there, who knows what ride we're in for?"

In a rare split with the treasurer, Warden Murray Fearrey called her position a fair one to take, but counted himself among those who

favoured the CIBC offer.

"I guess my concern is ... I don't like being locked in for 20 years," said Fearrey. "If something should change, and something should happen at this table and future councils wanted to do something different, they couldn't do it."

"But I don't think anybody's wrong here, I just think it's a judgement call."

Both borrowings will be included in the IO agreement and bylaw. Those must be completed through a lawyer and the county will incur those legal costs.

Rotary Club agrees to move toll bridge

By Mark Arike

Staff writer

Following public safety concerns that came to light at a recent Minden Hills council meeting, members of the Minden Rotary Club have agreed to move their event away from the bridge on Bobcaygeon Road.

"Rotary has agreed to work with us to try a new location," Reeve Brent Devolin told council on June 25.

During a June 11 council meeting, deputy-clerk Cheryl McCarroll advised council that the club had requested permission to host their annual bridge toll fundraiser on the Bobcaygeon Road bridge and Water Street, by the post office, on June 27 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

McCarroll informed council that traffic was backed up on the bridge last year, which interfered with a medical emergency.

On June 18, members of council and township staff met with representatives of the club and the Minden Lions Club, who also host toll bridge events.

"They [the Rotary Club] have withdrawn this request and they'll resubmit for a road closure application for a different weekend and location in the near future," said Devolin, adding that a permanent policy would be implemented sometime after this "beta test" occurs.

"[We] don't want to undermine their ability to raise funds for the good works that they do," he said.



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Photo by Lisa Harrison

Kim Horrigan is the new planner in Algonquin Highlands.

New planner strong on experience

By Lisa Harrison
Contributing writer

Kim Horrigan, the new planner for Algonquin Highlands, began university with the idea of working in business or becoming a chartered accountant.

It sounded like a plan, but as Horrigan soon realized, it wasn't the right one for her.

So the Belleville native applied her enjoyment of geography to studying both it and economics at Sir Wilfrid Laurier University in Waterloo, which had a reputation for good resource management courses. With strong encouragement and support from her thesis advisor, she continued on to take a master's degree in environmental studies with a focus on planning, finishing in 1998.

During university Horrigan worked on summer contracts with the Lower Trent Conservation Authority.

"I enjoyed working at the conservation authority and then I dealt a lot with municipalities in that area," Horrigan recalled. "A lot of times people might only do a process like a planning application, a severance or a minor variance once if it's an individual property owner, so it's a new and different process to them. I enjoy helping them and explaining and walking through the process with them."

Following her master's degree studies, the Town of Bracebridge offered Horrigan a six-month contract and then hired her as planner. Eventually she headed up the planning and building department as director of development services.

After 14 years with the town, Horrigan moved on to work with Barrie-based Skelton Brumwell and Associates, a planning, engineering and environment consulting firm. There she experienced planning from "the other side of the counter", working with municipalities across the province.

"They [Skelton Brumwell] had engineers, planners and

ecologists so there was a lot of in-house expertise that we were able to offer a client if they needed various reports, so that was very beneficial."

Horrigan said she enjoyed that environment but also enjoys municipal work, so she decided to apply for the Algonquin Highlands role when it was announced, beginning work on June 1.

Her role will include the usual, such as updating township policies to address ongoing provincial planning act changes and any changes at the county level, but no day is the same, said Horrigan.

On any given day she may be helping people at the counter with planning applications or shore road allowance closures, conducting site visits or preparing reports for council, and always working closely with the building department.

"The first month has been really good. Great staff and council, so I'm getting the hang of it," said Horrigan.

"It's such a nice municipality, and I'm beginning to understand the official plan policies and the zoning...and getting to know the area better as well, and what's important to the area, the cultural aspects, the water, the environment...and it's nice to work on policies and applications around those types of things."

Horrigan still lives in Bracebridge, has family there and isn't considering moving for the time being. Having grown up in the country, she's enjoying the drive along scenic Highway 118 to and from work, and appreciates being able to see the occasional deer on the office lawn.

As always, Horrigan will look forward to helping people with their planning projects.

"If [people] have any planning questions, feel free to call or email me. I'm certainly happy to sit down and answer questions."

To reach Horrigan, call the township office at 705-489-2379.

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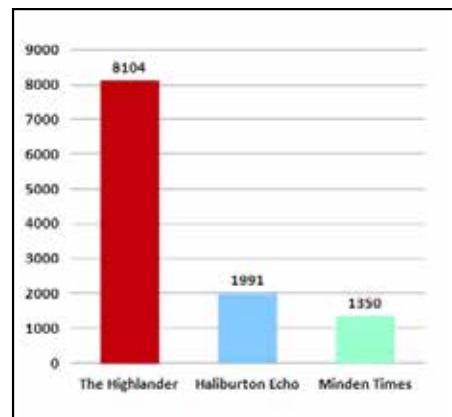
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Dysart borrowing \$1.5 million for capital projects

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

Dysart will borrow \$1.5 million from the bank to fund capital projects in the municipality.

On June 22, council voted in favour of the treasurer's recommendation to borrow the money from CIBC to purchase equipment for the roads department, replace the roads garage roof, and upgrade street lighting and roads infrastructure.

"With the CIBC it will be a 10-year amortization," reported Barbara Swannell. "That is aligned with our tangible asset capital policy."

Eighty per cent of the funds would be used for capital equipment purchases.

Swannell took a look at borrowing the funds from Infrastructure Ontario, but deemed that option less desirable.

"There's more flexibility if we go with

CIBC," she said. "If we want to look at repaying these loans over the course of the term, we do have that option versus with Infrastructure Ontario it's semi-annual payments and you're locked in. There's no option to make a prepayment."

Swannell said the municipality would be signing up for a five-year term. Interest and payments on the principal amount will be about \$176,000 per year.

Reeve Murray Fearrey pointed out that borrowing won't trickle down to taxpayers.

"We're going to be able to pay this from rental equipment charges that we would normally be putting in another area, plus the repayment on the lights we're putting in," he said.

The municipality is expecting significant energy savings once they retrofit hundreds of lights in town with light-emitting diode (LED).

SATURDAY JULY 18th

10:00am-3:00pm
(unless otherwise indicated)

At the SG Nesbitt Memorial Community Centre
Reel Paddling Film Festival
Tickets are \$7 which includes a BBQ dinner
(hosted by Minden Lions Club)
BBQ starts at 5:30 with films commencing at 7pm

SUNDAY JULY 19th

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At the SG Nesbitt Memorial Arena
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with Michael Bainbridge
Paddle Making demonstration and display
by the Haliburton Forest and Wildlife Reserve
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with Mike Buss
"Minden Wild Water Preserve" and "First Kingdom" group art exhibits
Canadian Canoe Museum exhibit

Saturday July 18th

7:00pm-10:00pm

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BBQ starts at 5:30. Films start at 7pm.

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 - booths showcasing our local adventure companies and organizations

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Highlander business

Junior Achievers look to keep W.ink alive

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

Their time with the Junior Achievement Company Program may be over, but that doesn't mean it's the end of the road for a few members of the W.ink team.

"We have to dissolve initially to remove Junior Achievement from the company," explained Curran Chambers, vice president of production, in a phone interview. "After that, I know a couple of us are interested ... I'm definitely going to pick up the company and continue to take orders, mostly custom stuff."

Earlier this year, Chambers and five other Grade 12 Haliburton Highlands Secondary School students signed up to form their own business through the 18-week program. With the help of Junior Achievement Company Program manager Sara McGriskin and business mentors Cheryl McCombe, Janine Papadopoulos and Richard Wannan, they launched W.ink and developed a business plan.

Thirty-four shareholders invested \$10 into the company to fund startup costs. They recently were given back their initial investment plus a 20 per cent return, or an additional \$2.

Using locally-sourced wood from the Haliburton Forest, the team designed their own line of wooden coasters. Each coaster

features photos taken in the Highlands by the students.

A total of \$909 worth of product was sold (each coaster retailed for \$20). Ninety per cent of the sales were attributed to the Haliburton Home & Cottage Show while the remaining 10 per cent were sold to individuals in the community.

According to their final report to shareholders, the group primarily spread the word about their product via word of mouth, social media, the local media and with pre-existing connections.

Now that the students have graduated, they will be moving on to post-secondary studies. For example, Chambers first plans to spend a year in the robotics technician program at Algonquin College. He will then pursue a degree in chemical engineering at Carleton University.

Being a part of W.ink has enabled Chambers to work on his time management and communication skills. He plans on using those skills to one day start his own business.

"I think it would be cool to have my own engineering firm," he said. "I'm definitely going to take a lot of what I've learned from Junior Achievement."



Photo submitted by W.ink

Two W.ink coasters.

Although each member of the team knew each other through school, Chambers pointed out they grew closer through the process.

"We definitely found out stuff about each other that we didn't know."

The other students included Jessica Karaguesian, Krista Duncan, Lucas Esson, Trey Kyle and Cierra Hurley.

In an email to The Highlander, McGriskin confirmed that the program will return to the Highlands next year.

"This year's Haliburton [Junior Achievement] Company Program was very successful and inspirational," she said. "These students are the definition of leaders and I am very excited to see [what] their lives have in store for them, for their futures are bright. They've worked so hard during these last 18 weeks and they should be very proud of themselves."

The program received the support of the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce as well as several local business owners and organizations.

For more information or to inquire about custom orders, email w.inkhaliburton@gmail.com.

Cycling survey to prove 'tourism does matter'

By Lisa Harrison
Contributing writer

A Highlands cycling survey currently making the rounds may prove key to unlocking a valuable data mine regarding the number of consumer dollars spent here.

Postcards detailing the Cycling Economic Impact Survey have been circulated to local businesses frequented by visitors. The online survey was developed by Communities in Action (CIA), the county tourism department and the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce, which is heading up the project.

"Data collection is critical for all of us [in the county] in terms of identifying unique opportunities for building a business case for new initiatives [and] funding," said Rosemarie Jung, the Chamber's executive director.

The survey gathers economic impact and other information from participating Highlands cyclists, whether they be permanent or seasonal residents or visitors. Questions encompass street, mountain and trail cycling and include the frequency of spending locally and the degree to which the quality of Highlands cycling would influence return visits and even cottage and home purchases.

The survey began in May, includes several draws, and had attracted more than 60 responders by the end of June.

"We're pleased with the data that we're getting," said Jung. "We seem to be bang on with the questions that we asked."

The partners were advised by a data expert that 150 responses would be a good target, and the high season is just beginning. The

survey closes October 12, after which the chamber will do an analysis for CIA.

By including permanent residents in the survey, the partners are embracing the "travelling consumer" tourism concept, which includes travel by permanent residents from one community to another.

"[The concept] is actually very substantial in terms of keeping money in the community," said Jung. "When you try to create a culture of residents, whether they're permanent or seasonal residents, a culture where people take pride and a sense of responsibility in shopping and keeping their dollars locally...we need to take a look at what is the quality of our service and the quality of our product."

Adventure experience provider Yours Outdoors is one of 20 Highlands businesses that have received the OHvation customer service leadership designation through the OHvation Customer Service Designation Program.

Barrie Martin, owner of Yours Outdoors and co-chair of the local tourism stakeholder committee, wants to see hundreds of county businesses participate in the program, which is offered by the Ontario Highlands Tourism Organization (OHTO). The Highlands are one of six distinct communities in OHTO.

The OHvation program helps businesses become designated and recognized as customer service leaders through training, resources, and a free, confidential mystery shopper program.

OHvation will help businesses focus on the visitor-centric "want and buy" approach to developing consumer experiences versus the "create and hope" approach, said Martin.

"The Ontario Highlands Tourism Organization has been really supportive of the things that we've been doing. They view the Haliburton Highlands as the most progressive sub-region within the whole region."

"The thing is, if you create great experiences, the marketing people are there to promote them."

According to Amanda Virtanen, county tourism director, many Highlands businesses aren't participating in OHvation because "...they're not really thinking of themselves as traditional, front-line tourism businesses" such as restaurants and hotels.

"We think that, from a stakeholder perspective and from the county perspective, everybody in the county who has a business area in the county is touching on tourism in some way," said Virtanen.

She hopes the concept of "travelling consumer" and the cycling survey data will reinforce that.

"The year ahead will really be about sharing the [survey] information and getting the information in front of the business owners and working with the chamber and business associations to...spread the word that tourism does matter and here's the hard evidence," said Virtanen. "And I think people will be more interested when they start to see that hard evidence."

If successful, the cycling survey will also be used as a template for future similar projects, according to Virtanen and Jung.

Cyclists are invited to take the survey at surveymonkey.com/s/haliburtonhighlands.



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The survey is open to residents and visitors alike. If you spent time in the Haliburton Highlands as an individual, family or couple, please complete one survey. If you spent time as a group of individuals, please have each person complete the survey.

This survey is being conducted by the Communities in Action Committee, the Haliburton Highlands Tourism Department, and the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce.

Survey closes October 12, 2015.

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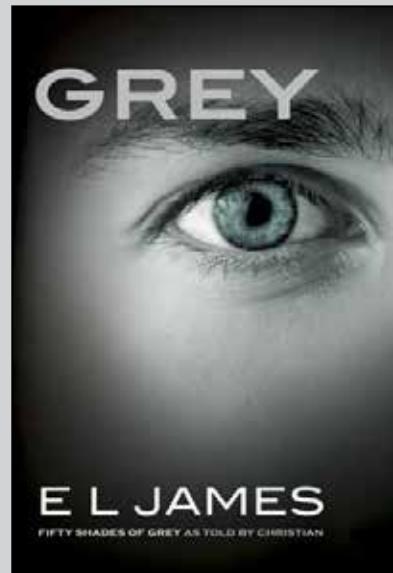


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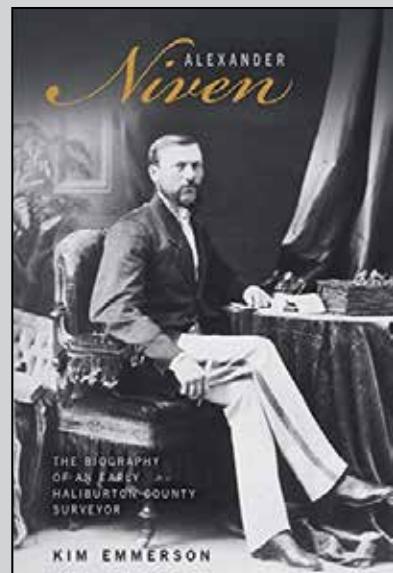
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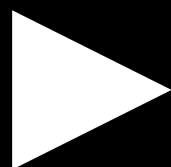
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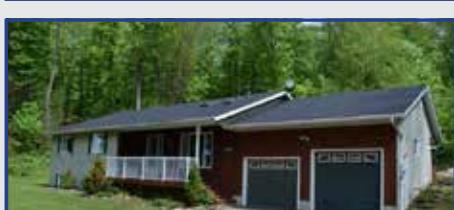
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Left: Sue Black as Maria, the wife of Tito Merelli. Right: Tito Merelli (Carl Dixon), right, prepares to enjoy a drink with Max (Adrian Zeyl), but is unaware his beverage contains a copious amount of pills.

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Lend Me a Tenor opens season

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

Comedy kicked off the 16th season of the Highlands Summer Festival with the debut performance of Ken Ludwig's *Lend Me a Tenor*.

The opening show was held at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion in Haliburton on June 29.

"It's a farce in the grand tradition of farces," said festival president Jack Brezina. "Doors being slammed, women running around in their underwear and people digging themselves into a hole, ever deeper and deeper until it finally

collapses on them."

Set in the 1930s, the play takes place in a hotel suite with characters going back and forth between two rooms. In it, world-renowned tenor Tito Merelli (Carl Dixon) accepts a gig with the Cleveland opera company, but arrives late and accidentally consumes a large quantity of legal drugs and ends up passing out.

The play is directed by Scot Denton, who is the artistic producer for the festival. *Lend Me a Tenor* runs until July 9 with performances at 8 p.m.

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Top: Max engages in a phone conversation with his boss, Saunders. Above: Maggie (Jenny Austin) becomes increasingly frustrated with her sometime-boyfriend, Max.

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Haliburton Forest holds pup naming contest

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Pictured above: Learning to howl like a big wolf. Left: This little pup goes looking for leftovers.



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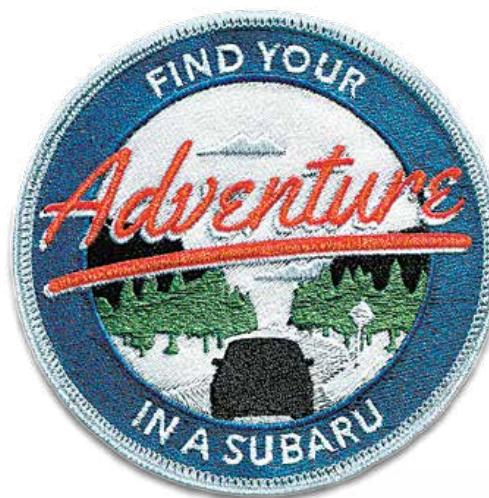
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By Austin McGillion

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To my own disbelief I stand here today, in front of young men and women who like me have achieved greatness, the greatness that comes from perseverance and the ability to overcome.

Our road has not been filled with the absence of difficulty or effort. In fact, it was a test of my own will to survive the troubles both behind and still ahead of me. I discovered in my early years that life would be a series of challenges. To accomplish would not be without effort and commitment by both myself and my family.

Tragedy in my early years and still more in my early teens taught me to endure in silence, afraid to speak out. I knew from an early age that I was different, but compounded by bullying I was driven into an abyss. Yet, even in the darkness flames can kindle themselves and become a roaring fire of determination, and I see that flame in each person in this room today.

I have found myself in the void, scarred and bent, but not broken. My spirit is indomitable, my morals unshakeable, and my conviction unwavering. This is what I see when I look at all of you: strong, unrelenting spirits refusing to be held back and striving for greatness.

Change used to scare me, but now I see change as the bringer of peace, instead of the harbinger of the raging storm. I wish you all the best of luck in your coming years for they will test you unlike anything has before. But in the months I have known you, I do not see cowards who would run at the first sight of danger, but people filled with a will of iron and the strength to overcome or crush any obstacle they come to.

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This group of ladies is sending a signed Canadian flag, along with a letter, to South Carolina as a show of support for the Emanuel AME Church and their message of forgiveness. In the front row from left are Casandra Hart, Marlene MacDonald, Lynn Roche, Patty Brydon, Kim Stamp, and Barb Murphy. In the back from left are Brenda Coty, Janice McGee, Noni Richardson, and Cheryl Riley.

Sending support to South Carolina

By Matthew Desrosiers
Editor

Forgiveness is a powerful thing.

In the days following a June 17 attack on the Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal (AME) Church in Charleston, South Carolina, that left nine African Americans dead, the lone white alleged gunman, Dylann Roof, sat quietly as he faced the relatives of his victims.

There, in a Charleston courtroom (Roof was not in the courtroom, but was present through a live video feed), he was met not with anger and hatred, but with forgiveness. One by one, the relatives forgave the man who is believed to have killed their loved ones.

That message of forgiveness hit home 1,800 kilometres away, in the Haliburton Highlands.

"I used to work in the United States, so I know a lot of the issues around racism," said Lynn Roche, a Haliburton County resident. "So when I heard about the shooting in South Carolina, it just overwhelmed me that the very next day these people stood up and said, 'we forgive'."

"That's beyond a lot of our

comprehensions."

That night she went to bed thinking about the families, and woke up the next morning with an idea.

"I woke up in the morning thinking I'm going to get a [Canadian] flag and send it down there, and it would be nice to have some signatures."

Roche meets regularly with a group of like-minded women. She shared her idea with the group, and one by one they agreed to sign the flag. She then brought it to Maple Avenue Tap & Grill in Haliburton, where the flag was passed around the restaurant for others to sign.

"The key issue everyone spoke of was forgiveness," said Roche. "It could be a lesson for all of us."

A group of children who live in Roche's neighbourhood began asking about the flag and wanted to sign it, too.

"They didn't understand what the issue was," said Roche. "I tried to explain the history of the United States and that something horrendous had happened and people had lost loved ones. ... We talked about forgiveness. Those who understood wanted to sign the flag."

She said the people who have signed the flag range in age from 12 years old, to 92.

Along with the flag, Roche, and the group of women, wrote a letter to the Emanuel AME Church congregation, as well as to South Carolina's governor, Nikki Haley.

"We want you to know that your tragedy of losing your loved ones has touched us deeply," it reads. "It has reached out beyond [your] borders and touched the whole world. We share that sorrow with you today and hope that this message can play a part in helping you to heal."

The letter goes on to explain the story of the signed Canadian flag.

"Please know that your love, understanding, and ability to forgive are examples and gifts we can all learn from," it reads. "Your compassion has reached out beyond your church ... and we can all learn more about your message of forgiveness from you. You have reminded some of us and taught others of the compassionate feelings and willingness to forgive. You inspire us."

Included with the letter are some thoughts on forgiveness from Roche and the other ladies. One such thought reads: "You don't have to hold on to the pain to hold on to the memory. Just forgive."

"I don't forgive people because I am

weak," reads another. "I forgive because I am strong enough to understand that everyone makes mistakes."

Roche said the purpose of the flag and letters is to let the congregation know that they are not alone.

"Their pain and situation has reached us in a small town in Canada, and their message of forgiveness is inspiring," she said.

Kim Stamp, another member of the group, said we live in a world where families and friends fight and hold grudges. She used the example of a fight over Christmas dinner causing a rift within a family.

"Their [the congregation's] loved ones were killed in a horrible and violent way," Stamp said. "If they can stand up and forgive that, I think we can forgive Christmas dinner."

After the flag and letter are mailed to South Carolina, Roche and the women's group, 11 in total, hope to rent a couple of minivan and make a trip to the church in August.

"We will all work on our ability to forgive," she said. "And it's because of them."

Junior highlanders



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Grade 3 students make their way down the hall and to the gymnasium as parents and teachers cheer them on.

Grade threes clap their way into summer

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

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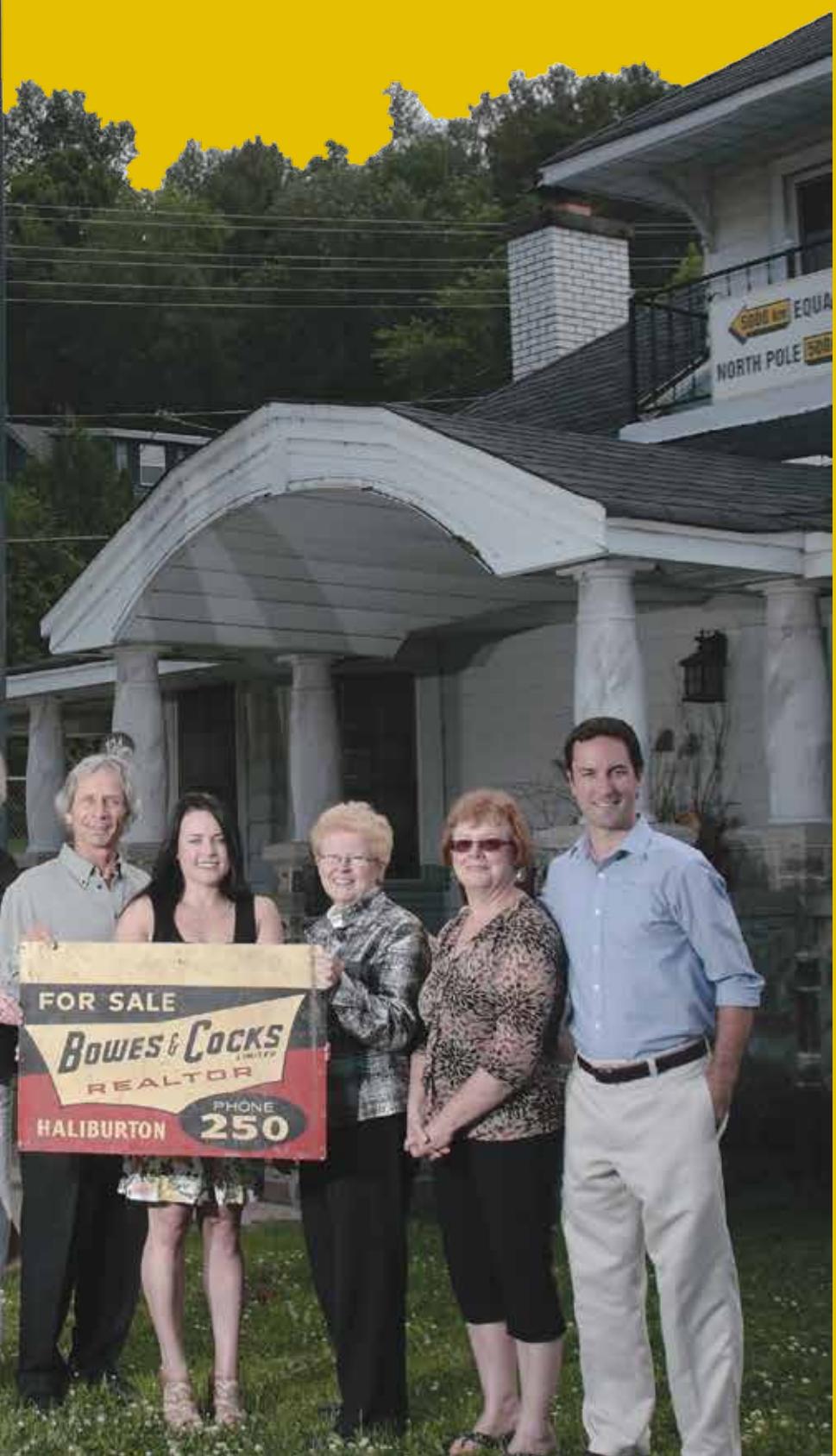


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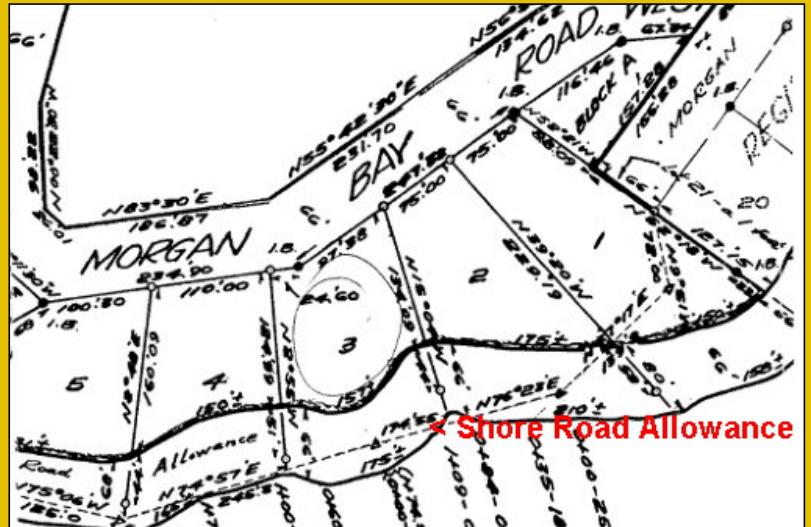
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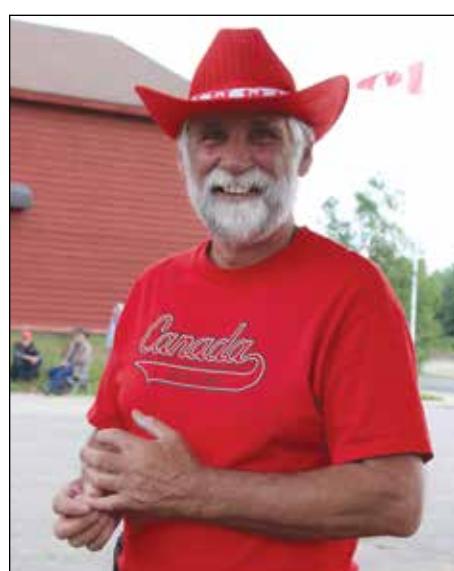
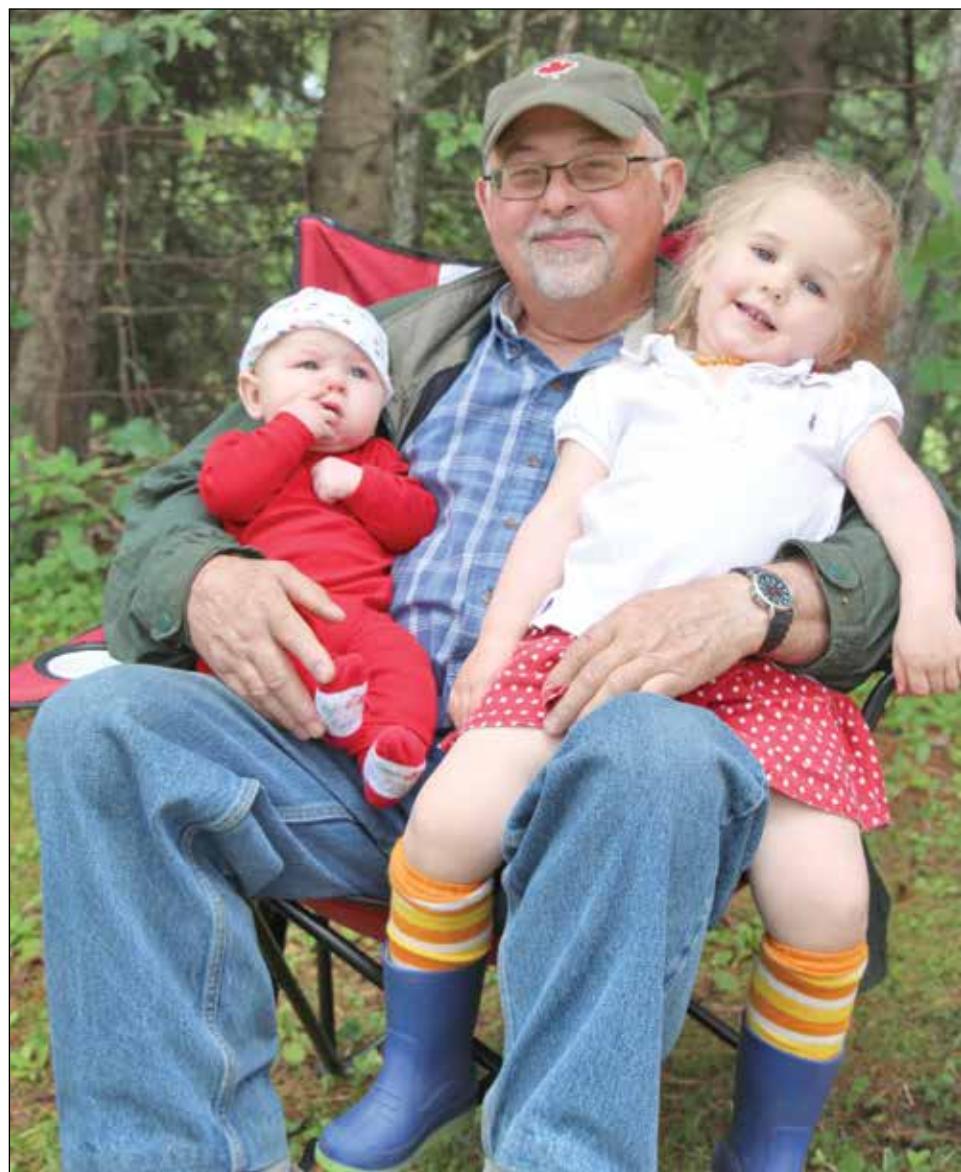
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Highlands East celebrates

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Top: Clara the Clown entertains a group of children during the Canada Day celebrations in Gooderham. Far left: Mark Bramham with Wesley (left) and Julia in Wilberforce. Above: Kevin Murphy and Chaz Whitehead flip burgers. Left: Cec Ryall was dressed for the day.

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Leah Allder, 3, of Minden and Lily Gentile, 4, of Brampton donned fire hats after a visit to the Minden Hills fire hall on Canada Day.

Thousands celebrate Minden's sunny Canada Day

By Sue Tiffin
Staff writer

A poor weather forecast couldn't put a damper on Canada Day festivities in downtown Minden on July 1.

An estimated 5,000 people connected to mingle and enjoy numerous activities and events during the town's celebration of the nation's birthday.

"Despite ominous weather, the crowds came out and people were happy," said Elisha Weiss, community services coordinator for Minden Hills.

Weiss said the number of people at the event was surprising considering the holiday fell on a Wednesday, and the skies were initially grey.

Her sentiments were echoed by local participants as well as out of town guests from throughout

Canada and the United States.

"It's a fabulous crowd considering it's been raining all night," said Dorothy Mackenzie-Payne.

"I can't believe the number of people here today," said Daisy Gibson. "It's amazing."

Events traditionally held in Minden like the Highland Time Travellers Classic Car Show and Crazy River Raft Race continued to be popular. This year 17 teams participated in the race, in which teams float down the Gull River in creative watercraft.

New events proved to be popular too, including a thrift store fashion show, downtown ball hockey tournament, mad scientist show, and beer garden, which sold out of beer prior to closing time. Other activities throughout the day like the Minden Legion's minnow races and the open house at the Fire Hall also hosted enough guests to sell out of products or prizes.

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Top: Ben Hymmen of London joined Willow and Max Eulenberg of Kitchener at the Minden Canada Day celebrations, taking in a minnow race and a break by the Gull River. Left: 16-year-old Victoria Edwards volunteered to paint faces in Minden for St. Peter's Anglican Church, while she visited from the Yukon. She added a maple leaf to the cheek of six-year-old Owen Whitteker of Minden. Right: Members of the Minden Lioness collected the rubber ducks at the end of their annual race down the Gull River. From left are Phyllis Sutherland, Deloris Bailey, Kelly Moore, Janet Readman, Suzanne Best, Pat Stiver, and Greg Readman.

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Canada Day 2015



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Left: Avery Bullock, 7, left, and Arlen Bullock, 5, show off their Canada Day attire. Top right: From left, Emma Boutin, Mary Love and Brady Burtch. Above right: Spectators observe the fireworks display in West Guilford.

Nancy Brink West Guilford Citizen of the Year

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

West Guilford resident Nancy Brink shook her head in disbelief as the community recognized her as the Citizen of the Year on Canada Day.

"I don't deserve all the recognition I got," said Brink, who received the Pioneer Citizen Award from Carol Stamp, past president of the West Guilford Recreation Centre, on July 1. "It's been [other] people's help, too."

Stamp introduced Brink as a person who is passionate about helping others in her community.

"I'm quite sure that this speech will not cover all the good deeds that she has performed since moving to Haliburton, but I know you will all understand why she was chosen this year for this award," she said.

Brink opened a flower shop in the area 35

years ago. Stamp said she shared her talents by making corsages to give to the oldest man and woman in West Guilford on Canada Day, as well as for the ladies attending the recreation centre's New Year's dance.

After retiring from the flower business, she got into making and selling homemade preserves.

That, however, didn't stop her from contributing to the lives of others in her community, said Stamp.

Over the years, the West Guilford Recreation Centre has benefitted greatly from Brink's fundraising skills.

"For the last few years she has been our number one fundraiser and sold more tickets than the rest of us put together," Stamp pointed out.

Brink's generosity has led to "many upgrades" at the centre.

For the past 10 years she has been named the top fundraiser for SIRCH's annual Hike

for Hospice, bringing in a total of \$30,000 to date.

Brink, who required assistance up to the stage, is currently facing her second bout of lymphoma cancer. She began treatment in November.

In her speech, Brink said being acknowledged by those she has helped in the past is recognition enough.

"One time when I was delivering food to a family, they just gave me the thank-you I needed," she recalled. "They had five little children and one little boy came running up to me. He said, 'Oh Nancy, we needed bread so bad. We didn't have bread. Thank you so much.'"

Brink said that while spending three months in hospital, there wasn't a day that went by when she didn't receive a delivery of flowers.

"Being a flower person, that meant a lot," she said.

In her opinion, giving back to others is just

part of being a human being.

"That's what we're here on this Earth for is to help one another, to love one another and to do unto those what you would want done unto you."

Brink's recognition was part of West Guilford's annual Canada Day celebrations.

Children and adults of all ages gathered at the recreation centre to celebrate Canada's 148th birthday.

The morning started with a swim in Pine Lake, which saw two participants brave the cool temperatures and overcast skies. Several adults took to the field to go head-to-head in the ever-popular horseshoe tournament.

Children's contests included a bike decorating competition, best red and white award, field and swimming races, and a scavenger hunt, among others.

The day came to a close with a fireworks display at dusk.

Highlander sports



Photo by Mark Arike

Haliburton Red Wolves athletes, volunteers and members of the Haliburton Highlands OPP gather around their float in the parking lot of the A.J. LaRue Arena.

Red Wolves team up with OPP for torch relay

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

Members of the Haliburton Red Wolves Special Olympics team joined forces with the Haliburton Highlands OPP on June 27 for their annual torch run fundraiser.

The athletes, who range in age from 12-65, made their presence felt in Haliburton, Kinmount and Minden as they

collected donations from residents and visitors along the route. The event raised nearly \$1,300 for the team.

"It's more than last year," said Red Wolves coordinator Yvette Brauer. "Actually, it's probably the most we've ever raised."

The event concluded with a lunch at the Minden Legion, which was attended by about 54 people including members of the

local OPP detachment.

Brauer thanked the legion for providing pop and hosting the athletes.

"[It was] really nice," she said.

Although the forecast called for rain, inclement weather held off for the duration of the run.

The funds raised will be used to provide the athletes necessary equipment and transportation for sporting events, said

coach Rick West.

"One hundred per cent of what we raise goes back to the athletes," said West.

He added that about a dozen volunteers support the team.

Sports include curling, five-pin bowling, golf and baseball.

Anyone interested in getting involved with the team should contact Brauer at 705-488-2282.

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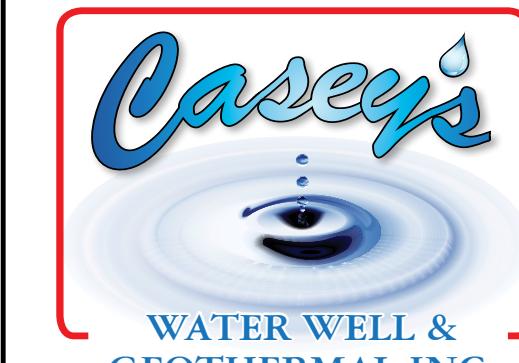
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From left, Jocelyn Thompson, Lilly Casey, Jazmin Smith, Baylie Stover, Sofie Mills, Charlotte Moynes, Savanna Teasdel, Evan Gilbert, Kadin Card, Seth Winstanley, Cole Hamilton, Austin Boylan. Absent: Taylor Sharpless.

Archie students shine at new track event

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

Archie Stouffer Elementary School (ASES) students have proven that even at an early age hard work pays off.

On June 16, several Grades 1 to 3 students represented the school at the first-ever Primary County Track and Field Meet held at Grandview Public School in Bethany, Ont.

"We had a fantastic day with many of our athletes placing in the top six," wrote coach Cheryl Patterson, who is also a Grade 1 teacher, in an email. "In fact, Archie Stouffer was represented in every single event on the

results board."

Patterson explained that up until now, only students in Grade 4 and up have had the opportunity to participate in a track meet outside of the county.

"We've never had anything for the primary [students] beyond Haliburton," she said.

Fifteen schools from across the Trillium Lakelands District School Board competed in the track meet.

In the 250-metre event, Baylie Stover and Austin Boylan both placed second, Jocelyn Thompson came third, and Sofie Mills and Taylor Sharpless earned fifth place.

In long jump, Evan Gilbert wound up first,

Charlotte Moynes came in second, Sofie Mills was third, and Jocelyn Thompson and Cole Hamilton both placed fourth.

In standing broad jump, Jazmin Smith took first, Lilly Casey and Moynes finished third, and Seth Winstanley placed sixth.

In the 100-metre event, Cole Hamilton and Stover finished first and Boylan came third.

In the 50-metre run, Cole Hamilton and Baylie Stover earned the top spot, while Boylan placed third and Evan Gilbert came in fifth.

In ball throw, Gilbert earned first place and Kadin Card came in fourth.

And in the final event of the day – the two

by 250-metre relay – Stover and Boylan finished third.

Stover was also named the Novice Girls' Champion of the Day.

About 90 students tried out for the team in early May. From there, cuts were made to be able to take six athletes in each age division to the county-wide track and field meet in Haliburton. From there, only two students in each age division moved on to the most recent event.

Other ASES coaches included Traci Hubbert, Karen Lytle, Amber Card, Elisa Mulcaster, Sue Smallwood and Michele Coneybeare.

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Three-year-old Matthew Mueller enjoys his meal.

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Strawberry Social a sweet success

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

It was one of the most well-attended Strawberry Socials that YMCA Camp Wanakita has hosted over the past 41 years.

Over 1,000 people headed to the camp, located off Koshlong Lake Road, for the annual all-you-can-eat event on June 27.

"It's grown so much," said event organizer Mary Cox. "We always have a good turnout."

Cox explained that the social started in 1974 with two goals: to bring the community together and introduce campers to the facility.

From noon to 4 p.m., those in attendance were able to dine on chicken, ribs, salads and strawberry desserts, among other offerings. All of the food was prepared by the camp's chef and staff.

Live music was provided by Celtic Jam and tours of the facilities were also available.

"This is opening up the camp," said Cox, adding that campers arrive the following week.

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The logo for Buckley Electric. It features the word "Buckley" in a large, bold, red, sans-serif font with a black outline. Below it, the word "Electric" is also in a large, bold, red, sans-serif font with a black outline. A thick red lightning bolt graphic starts from the bottom left, passes through the "Electric" text, and extends upwards and to the right. To the right of the lightning bolt is a blue vertical bar containing the company's address: "P.O. Box 400" on the first line, "Minden, ON" on the second line, and "K0M 2K0" on the third line.



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Top: A team of horses use brute strength to pull 5,500 pounds. Left: A cowgirl gets her horse ready for the show. Right: Kimberly Dawn, founder of Kicking Cowgirl Designs, holds up one of her T-shirts. A portion of proceeds from clothing sales are donated to World Embrace in Uganda.

Ram Rodeo gets rave reviews

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

Overcast skies and a little bit of drizzle didn't put a damper on the first Ram Rodeo in Minden.

Dozens of locals and visitors saddled up and made their way to the fairgrounds for the two-day event held from June 27-28.

"Once it actually got underway, the stands

were full," said Reeve Brent Devolin, who camped out at the venue for the entire weekend. "Everybody had fun. The feedback from the people that were there, they're over the moon and absolutely are supportive if we want to bring it back."

The tour, which is put on by Ross Millar Group, featured two evening rodeo performances, pony rides, vendors and an invitational horse pull hosted by the Minden Agricultural Society. The local group also put

on a barbecue and barn dance on Saturday. Devolin said somewhere between 150-200 people attended the dance.

"I think for a first go, with relatively limited notice, I'm very, very positive," he said.

"I couldn't be happier."

A number of local volunteers assisted with various facets of the event.

A post on the tour's Facebook page thanked those who pitched in to make the rodeo a success.

"I would like to thank all the fans that braved the weather this weekend to make this event a success and with all the positive reviews already coming in it's sure to become an annual stop on the Ram Rodeo Tour's schedule for years to come," read the post.

Devolin said the Agricultural Society raised funds from proceeds at the food pavilion, beer tent and the dance.

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EVENTS

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HALIBURTON HIGHLANDS STROKE SUPPORT GROUP meets the third Thursday of each month at the Fireside Lounge, Highland Crest, Minden 10 a.m. to noon. Our next meeting is Thursday, June 18, 10 a.m. to noon. (TFN)

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EVENTS

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If you are interested in any of these opportunities, please send your resume in confidence by July 10, 2015 to:

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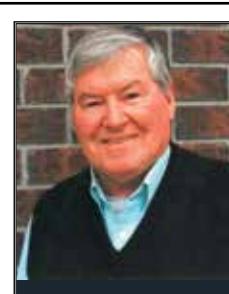


Larry Boxall

Peacefully after a courageous battle with cancer at Haliburton Hospital on Tuesday afternoon, June 23, 2015 surrounded by his loving family in his 64th year. Beloved husband and best friend of Elizabeth "Liz" Boxall (nee Wenger). Cherished son of Daisy Sabourin. Loving father of Maryna (Pat Gosselin) and stepfather of Derek Gagne all of Kitchener. Fondly remembered by his grandchildren Steven, Kenedi, Cody and Hailey. Also lovingly remembered by many brothers, inlaws, nieces, nephews, loving family and friends at Kennisis Lake. Beloved FU of FN. Larry was the proud owner of Highland Cleaning Service. Larry & Liz are members of the Royal Canadian Legion Branch #129. Larry enjoyed fishing, his dog Maggie and his family.

A REMEMBRANCE GATHERING

A Remembrance Gathering will be held at THE COMMUNITY ROOM 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705)457-9209 on Monday afternoon, June 29, 2015 from 1 until 3 o'clock. A time of sharing will take place at 2 o'clock. As expressions of sympathy, donations to the Royal Canadian Legion Branch #129 Haliburton or the Haliburton Highlands Health Services - Palliative Care Unit would be appreciated by the family. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario 705-457-9209



In Loving Memory of Norman Arthur Harrison

Passed away peacefully at the Peterborough Regional Health Centre on Monday, March 30, 2015, with his family by his side. At the age of 87. Beloved husband of the late Betty Jean Harrison (nee Hill) (2008). Loving father of Michael, Scott (Mennie), Terry (Karen), Sean (Kathy), Tim (predeceased). Loving grandfather of Marc, Alex, Aaron, Caleb, Jessica, Grace and Lauren. Dear brother of Ron (Mary), Ken (deceased) (Beth), Rose (Al) Rushton, and Pat (Larry) L'Esperance.

Fondly remembered by his family and friends. A Graveside Interment Service will be held at the Ingoldsby Pioneer Cemetery on Saturday, July 11, 2015 at 11:00 am. Reception will follow at the Ingoldsby United Church (downstairs). Memorial Donations to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation (HHHSF) or the Ingoldsby United Church would be appreciated by the family and can be arranged through the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., P.O. Box 427, Minden, Ontario, K0M 2K0



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Lip smackin' good ribs

By Matthew Desrosiers
Editor

It just might be the biggest rib dinner around.

On July 11, the Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association (HHOA) will host its annual chicken and rib dinner at the Haliburton Curling Club.

"It's probably the largest, best valued meal and prize auction in the county," said HHOA member Mike Johnson. "It's a great time. You meet lots of people, lots of friends you haven't talked to in a long time. It's just a great meal and a great time."

Last year, over \$20,000 was raised for the HHOA's fish hatchery. This year, Johnson said should be just as good.

"We have a live auction that includes a trip to Barbados, and we also have an iPad and a very sophisticated barbecue," he said.

There will also be a silent auction with around 40 items, a bucket draw for 20 items, and a smaller draw for three prizes that combined are worth \$3,000.

And of course, there's the food. Not only will barbecued chicken and ribs be on the menu, but desserts include apple pie and ice cream. Tickets include a free glass of wine and some hors d'oeuvres, as well.

All of the funds raised are used at the hatchery, Johnson said.



File photo

Mike Johnson (left) grips a couple racks of delicious ribs at last year's HHOA Chicken & Rib dinner.

"We use it to purchase capital equipment to keep the hatchery functioning. Last year, we used some of it for runways and fish food and operating costs, such as hydro, so we can maintain the pumps that run the water."

Annually, the HHOA stocks Haliburton's lakes with anywhere from 40,000 to 50,000

fish, all raised at the hatchery. Johnson said this year they're sitting on some brook trout that will go into Kennisis Lake. There are 20,000 rainbow trout to be stocked throughout the county, along with the Haliburton gold species.

"It's pretty good," he said. "We maintain

the fish stock in the county for recreational fishing and for lake health."

Doors open at 4 p.m. with dinner starting at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$30 per person or \$85 for families with children 12-18. Kids under 12 eat free. For tickets, contact Dee at 705-457-9664.

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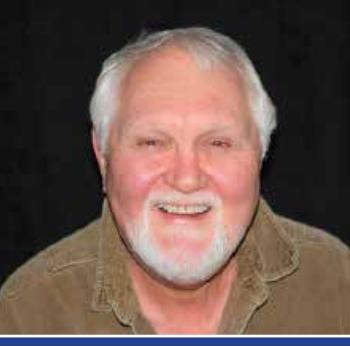
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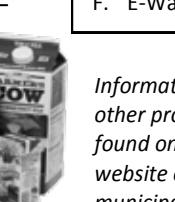
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- A. Blue Box—Fibres
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- C. Garbage/Landfill
- D. Scrap Metal
- E. Household Hazardous Waste Event
- F. E-Waste

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Answers: 1D, 2E, 3C, 4C, 5C, 6C, 7E, 8A



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Wed July 15 – Kayak on Gull River, Hosted by Algonquin Outfitters at the municipal dock opposite the post office.

Wed July 22 – Float Your Hull start at Rotary Park and float to the municipal dock

Wed July 29 – Farm Obstacle Course, Hosted by Minden Mercantile & Feed Co. Inc. and Farm Friends, Deep Bay Road & Bobcaygeon Road

Tues Aug 4 – Minden Fire Fighters / Emergency Services / OPP Display
Hosted at the Minden Fire Hall

Wed Aug 12 – Minden Merchant Sidewalk Sale on Main Street

Wed Aug 19 – Prepare for Festival of the August Moon, Hosted at the Wild Swan B&B, 65 Invergordon

Thurs Aug 27 – Classic Cars presented by Haliburton Time Travellers, Hosted at Canadian Tire Store

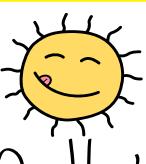
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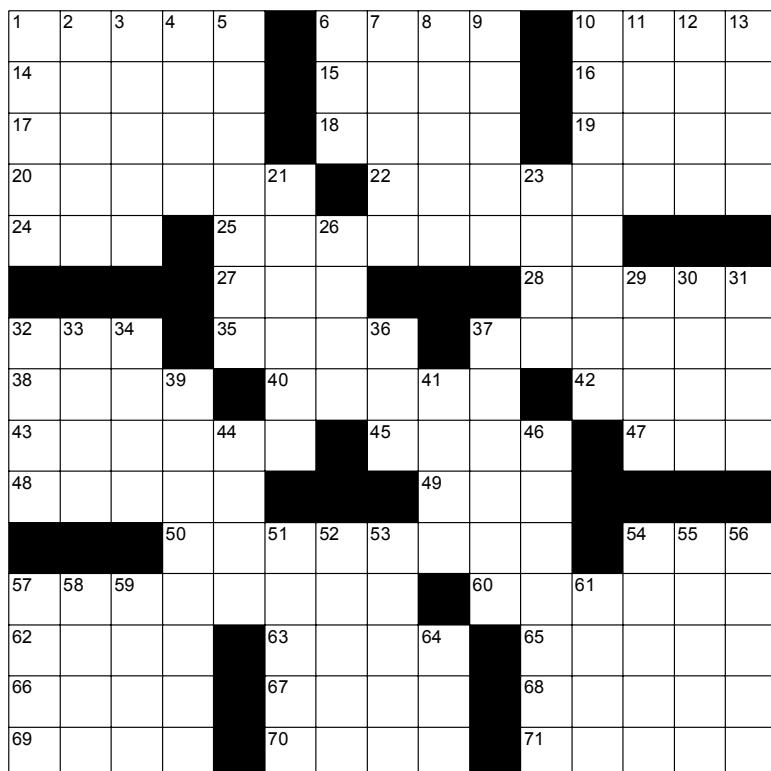
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6. Scrape roughly
10. Musical symbol
14. Regarding
15. Jazz singer ____ Fitzgerald
16. Volcanic emission
17. Pioneer Daniel ____
18. Make arrangements
19. Radiate
20. Trouser length
22. Small furniture item (2 wds.)
24. Coloring substance
25. Assert
27. Certain dashes
28. Peruses
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37. Instruction
38. Juicy fruit
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1. Fanatical
2. Keyboard wood
3. Hangman's loop
4. Sand hill
5. Cooked with vapor
6. D.C. VIP
7. Woody or Tim
8. Incline
9. Chinese "bear"
10. Least dirty
11. Baby sheep
12. Harmful
13. Fortune
21. Capital of the Philippines
23. Become weary
26. Enlightened one's words (wds.)
29. India's locale
30. Puts on
31. Easy task
32. Selects
40. Tenant's document
42. Singer ____ Turner
43. India's Mother ____
45. Head cook
47. Nile snake
48. Pie portion
49. George Gershwin's brother
50. Savior
54. Shred
57. More selfish
60. Franklin ____ Roosevelt
62. Bossa ____
63. Leak
65. Helpers
66. Egg on
67. Agreeable
68. Clever
69. "Wish You ____ Here"
70. Quiz
71. Small pastries
33. Boat bottom
34. Mumbai dress
36. Pouch
37. Ogled
39. Produce again
41. Wedge
44. Kernel
46. China, Japan, etc. (2 wds.)
51. Common contraction
52. Weird
53. Roberts and Clapton
54. Plane spotter
55. Lethargic
56. Mails
57. Nibble
58. Graduates's garb
59. Constantly
61. South American capital
64. Goldfish, e.g.

JULY 2015 EVENTS			
THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Highlands Summer Festival: Lend Me a Tenor - Northern Lights Performing Pavilion - 8:00pm - \$34.00	Highlands Summer Festival: Lend Me a Tenor - Northern Lights Performing Pavilion - 8:00pm - \$34.00	Maple Lake United Church-Strawberry Salad Supper - 5:00 pm and 6:30 pm - \$12 - Call Merrie Barry 705-754-2258	Highlands Summer Festival: Lend Me a Tenor - Northern Lights Performing Pavilion - 8:00pm - \$34.00
Dorset Day Camp - Dorset Rec Centre - 8:30 am-4:30 pm	Dorset Day Camp - Dorset Rec Centre - 8:30 am-4:30 pm	Haliburton County Farmers' Market Minden - Municipal Parking Lot - 10:00 am-2:00 pm	Dragon Boat Practice - Patient News Publishing Docks -1:00 pm-2:30 pm - \$15
Wolf Howl - Haliburton Forest & Wild Life Reserve - 8:00 pm	Haliburton County Farmers' Market in Carnarvon - Hwy 118 & 35 - 12:00 pm-4:00 pm	Tungsten On The Patio - Red Umbrella Inn 1:00 pm-5:00 pm	

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
Dorset Day Camp - Dorset Rec Centre - 8:30 am-4:30 pm	Rotary Music in the Park - Head Lake Park - 7:00 pm-9:00 pm	Haliburton Highlands Quilt Guild - Stanhope Community Centre - Pot luck luncheon - 12:00 pm Pat Campbell 705 457-1211	Algonquin Highlands Summer Swim Program - Elvin Johnson Park, Halls Lake - 8:30 am-4:00 pm
Monster Eggs - The Art Hive - 10:00 am-12:30 pm - \$35	Heritage Walk of Haliburton - Haliburton Caboose - 5:30 pm-6:30 pm	Dorset Yoga with Ingrid Bittner - Dorset Rec Centre - 11:30 am-12:00 pm	Haliburton School of Arts Tour - Haliburton School of Arts - 4:00 pm-5:45 pm
Dorset Pickleball - Dorset Rec Centre - 6:45 pm-8:45 pm	Haliburton Farmer's Market - Head Lake Park - 12:00 am-4:00 pm	Dorset Family Movie Nights - Dorset Rec Centre - 6:30 pm-8:30 pm	Rick Fines: Haliburton School of the Arts performance - Fleming College Great Hall - 5:30 pm-6:30 pm
Algonquin Highlands Summer Swim Program - Elvin Johnson Park, Halls Lake - 8:30 am-4:00 pm			

WHAT'S GOING ON AT YOUR LEGION JULY 2 - JULY 8			
Haliburton Branch General meeting, 2nd Thursday, 7:30 p.m. Ladies Auxiliary, last Thursday, 1 p.m. Meat draw, Friday, 4:30-6:30 p.m. \$2/draw. 50/50 draw, Saturday, 4 p.m. Breakfast, 2nd and 4th Sunday, 9:30-1 p.m. Bridge, Monday 1 p.m. Open dart night, Tuesdays, 7 p.m. Bid Euchre, Wednesday, 1 p.m. Bingo \$500 jackpot, \$1,000 jackpot on last Wednesday of the month Concert fundraiser, July 11, Johnny Burke and Eastwind. Hot and cold buffet. 6 p.m. Tickets \$30 per person or \$50 per couple. Call 705-447-2348	Minden Branch Lunch menu, Monday – Friday, 12-2 p.m. Liver lover's special, Tuesday, 12-2 p.m. (full menu also) Meat Draw, Wednesday, lunchtime. Creative Crew, Thursday, 10 a.m. Ladies darts, Thursday, 1 p.m. Euchre, Thursday, 7:30 p.m. Fish/Wings & Chips, Friday, 5-7 p.m. Mixed darts, Friday, 7:30 p.m. Sports Fan Day, Sunday, 12-4 p.m. Monthly raffle, dinner for two at a local restaurant	Wilberforce Branch Pool, Friday, 2:30 p.m. Ham and Scalloped dinner, Friday, 5-7 p.m. Jam session, Friday, 7:30 p.m. Meat draw, Saturday, 2 p.m., early bird 3 p.m. sharp Summer's night karaoke, Saturday, 9 p.m. to close Bid euchre, Monday, 7 p.m. Fun darts, Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.	

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Notice of Public Community Meeting For a Project Proposal Under the Large Renewable Procurement

The proponent identified below is proposing to submit a proposal to the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) to design, build, and operate a Large Renewable Project for the generation of electricity under the IESO's Large Renewable Procurement (LRP).

The LRP is a competitive process for procuring large renewable energy projects generally larger than 500 kilowatts. At the conclusion of the LRP, the IESO may award contracts for successful projects up to the specified procurement targets for each renewable fuel: 300 megawatts (MW) for wind, 140 MW for solar, 75 MW for waterpower, and 50 MW for bioenergy.

This notice is being distributed to notify members of the public of a public community meeting that has been scheduled to discuss the Large Renewable Project proposal. Information regarding the proponent, the Large Renewable Project proposal, and the meeting details are described below.

This public community meeting is being held as part of the early community engagement requirements of the LRP. The public community meeting will present details about the Large Renewable Project and its proposed connection line. Representatives of the proponent will be available to discuss the Large Renewable Project and the overall LRP process. Should this Large Renewable Project be awarded a contract, the Large Renewable Project would need to obtain all required permits and approvals and conduct any further required community engagement activities.

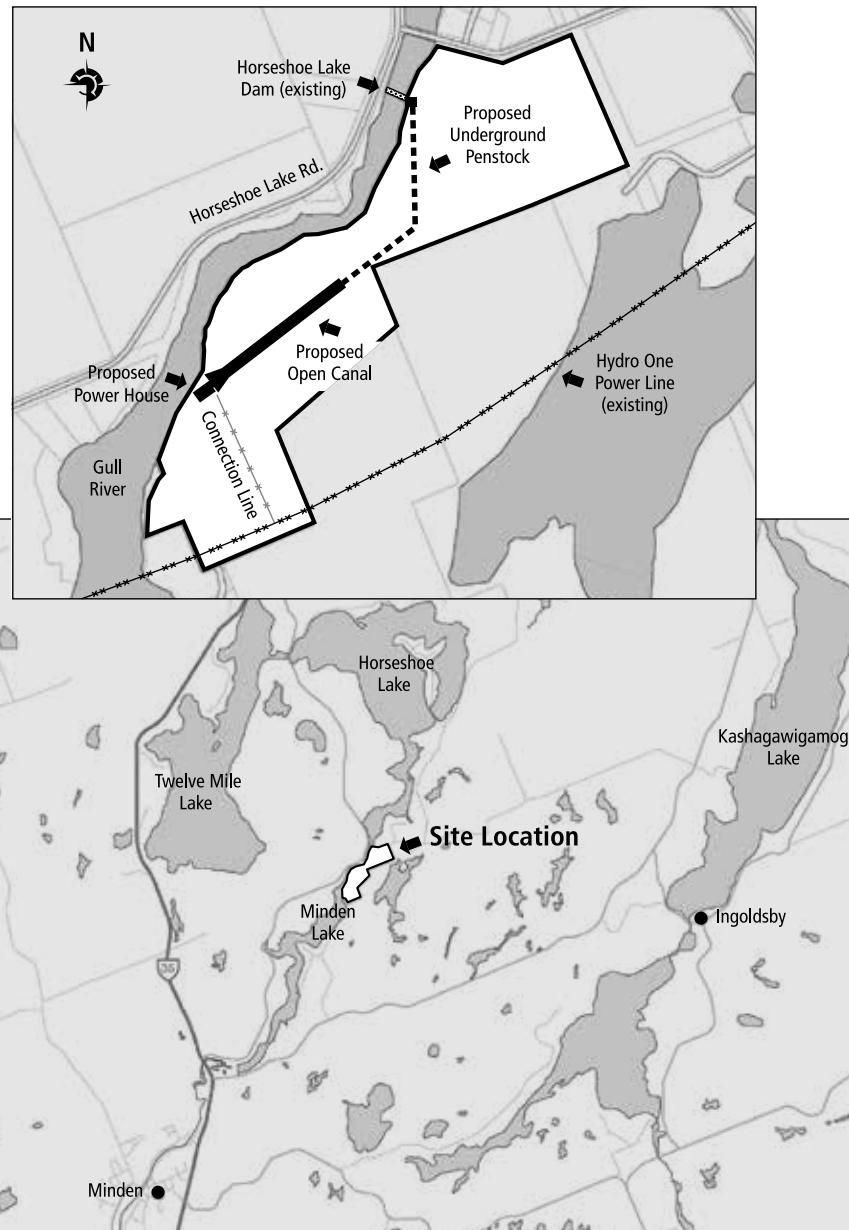
Further details regarding the LRP are available at www.ieso.ca/lrp.

Proponent and the Large Renewable Project proposal

Proponent:	Orillia Power Generation Corporation
Qualified Applicant from the LRP Request for Qualifications stage associated with the proponent:	Orillia Power Generation Corporation
Name of the Large Renewable Project proposal:	Minden II Generating Station
Renewable fuel of the Large Renewable Project:	Waterpower
Proposed capacity of the Large Renewable Project:	3.0 to 3.5 MW
Proposed connection point of the Large Renewable Project:	Minden TS 87M3, 44kV, 44.962359, -78.685172

Proposed location of the Large Renewable Project/ Connection Line

The Project Site and Connection Line is located in Minden Hills Township, Haliburton County, approximately five (5) km north of the Town of Minden on the Gull River just below Horseshoe Lake Dam.



Public community meeting information

Minden Hills Township Office 7 Milne Street Minden, Ontario
Thursday, July 16, 2015
2:00pm to 8:30pm

Contact information for the proponent

Keith McAllister, P.Eng.
President & Chief Executive Officer, Orillia Power Corporation
Telephone: (705) 326-8988
Email: mindenIIGs@orilliapower.ca
360 West Street South P.O. Box 398 Orillia, Ontario L3V 6J9
Project Website: www.mindenIIGs.ca
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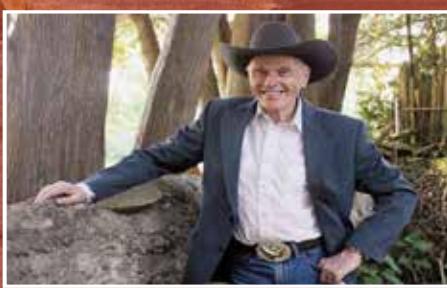
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Tickets:
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What's on



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Maureen James will return in her role as Sister Mary Regina, the Mother Superior.

Summer Festival guaranteed to entertain

By Mark Arike
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As usual, there's a little bit of everything for audiences to enjoy over the remaining five weeks of the 16th annual Highlands Summer Festival.

"We're always looking for a balance," said festival president Jack Brezina. "It's summertime so people are looking for lighter fare, and we appreciate that."

The season got off to a hilarious start on June 29 with Ken Ludwig's farce titled *Lend Me a Tenor*. The humour will continue on July 13 with the premiere performance of *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest*.

According to the program, this production provides a powerful message on how society deals with marginalized members. Elizabeth Saunders, a Toronto-based actor, director

and teacher, has been brought in to direct the piece, which is based on Ken Kesey's 1962 culture novel of the same name.

The play is set in a mental hospital in the Pacific Northwest.

"If we're going to do something light, we're going to do it extremely well," said Brezina.

Many audiences will remember a group of nuns who delivered an endless amount of laughs with their antics in the 2013 performance of *Nunsense*. Through song, dance and vaudeville-type sketches, the play left a memorable mark on the festival.

This summer, festival-goers can look forward to the return of these kooky characters in *Nunsensations!!!* In this second adventure, the five sisters of Hoboken take their stage show on the road to Las Vegas.

Rod Beattie, a veteran actor of 15 seasons with the Stratford Festival, will also come back to the Highlands to star in *Wingfield*

Lost and Found. Directed by Douglas Beattie, the *Wingfield* series is always a popular hit. All three performances are sold out.

"We know that that particular show – the style, the performance – has a big following," explained Brezina. "When we schedule it, we're pretty well ensured that it will sell out in all three performances."

The final play in this year's series – *Ralph and Lina* – is a production of Edge of the Wood Theatre Company in Huntsville. Written and performed by Christina Serra and Dan Watson, this charming Italian love story is based on the reminiscences of one of the actors' grandparents.

The talent for this year's festival includes a mix of local actors and theatre students from Sheridan College. For example, in *Lend Me a Tenor*, Sheridan graduate Adrian Zeyl fills a role that requires a certain degree of vocal skills.

"We try to cast locally as much as we can, because we are a community theatre organization and one of our purposes is to enhance the theatre skills in the community," said Brezina.

So far, ticket sales have done extremely well.

"It's probably one of the better years we've had altogether, as far as pre-season sales," he said, adding "single ticket sales have taken off and half the houses are gone."

Brezina said the board of the Summer Festival is very pleased with the variety in this year's lineup.

"We think we've got a nice package of humour, serious stuff and some interesting concert pieces."

All performances are held in the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion in Haliburton.

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